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The Kona had sung the dirge of the old year

KAALA MOUNTAINS, January, 1868. Ride to Ewa.

and a feeble effort of the returning trade wind was banking the clouds over the verdant mountains to the north-east of Honolulu, when we galloped out of King Street on the excellent road that leads in the direction of Ewa. This is decidedly the best highway leading from Honolulu, as far as the Kalihi bridge. It is macadamized with coral, broad, graded, convex enough for the water to flow to either side, and is compact and durable. It is the model from which all the streets in the city should be formed. They are now graded and filled with the black volcanie sand, which is so light in its nature, that when the weather is dry, the winds toss it about, and when the rain comes, it is washed into the harbor, filling it up and leaving vawning and dangerous gullies to be repaired with the same material. It causes double labor and expense. It creates the necessity of cleaning out and dredging the harbor; it keeps hands constantly employed excavating and digging the volonic material under the Devil's Punchbowl, creating great chasms and disfiguring the suburbs; it keeps a train of wagons and carts almost continuously employed in hauling the material to repair the streets, thus occasioning great labor and expense, without any corresponding benefit and without improving the streets. It would be far more economical to procure the coral from the reef and macadamize the streets at once. It would make them cleaner, more durable and prevent that constant filling of the harbor, which promises to be at no distant day like that of ancient Jaffa, which is now covered by the gardens and olive orchards of the Syrian Turks. When will our authorities wake to economy and reform? We would here suggest that the sharp angular dust of dust : and by repairing the streets with cornl, one serious inconvenience would be removed.

Our companion H. was an intelligent gentleman, born and educated in the Islands, familiar with the manners, customs, bistory and legendary lore of the people. As we rode along, we enjoyed the prospect and improvements which were perceptible in the environs of Honolulu, except in the grounds of the Reformatory School at Kapelama. On either side of the road were neat cottages, many of them new and substantial, with adjoining gardens ornamented with thrifty young shade trees. The situation as far out as Kalihi, and even beyond, is very beautiful for private residences, and the ocean and mountain view cannot be surpassed in the vicinity. A fresh breeze is always playing down from the mountain valleys or from the sea, and the climate is healthful and invigorating.

Beyond Kalihi, the cactus and vellow-flowered mimosa, which filled the air with its delicious fragamer, reminded us of the table lands of Mexico. Descending a hill which was the terminus of an ancient volcanic wave of tufa, we entered the comunic valley of Monnalua. The bright waters ! were murmuring over a pebbly bed between green and fertile banks, where there were some evidences of cultivation. Our road wound up this valley for some distance, past substantial farm-houses, quietly nestled between the hills, where we left the valley meandering away with Arcadian beauty among the green wooded mountains to the right, and ascended a volcanic ridge. On the summit of the ridge to the left were several piles of stone rising like rude obelisks, that were surrounded with superstitious traditions of the past. They mark the descent, the jumping off place, to Kapapakolen, or the infernal regions of Oahu. We role to the summit of the ridge below the weird piles, and stood on the sheer brink of a precipice several hundred feet in elevation, that overlooked

Hawalian Lake Avernus.

Far below, laving the base of the dark volcanic cliff, in the cavern of an extinct crater, a gloomy lake was sleeping in a green meadow pastured by cattle, and as we gazed on the diminished forms of the herd, we were forcibly reminded of Shakspeare's description of the Dover cliffs in King Lear:

"Come on, Sir; here's the place; stand still.-How fearful And dirry 'lis to cust one's eyes so low I.

The crows, and choughs, that wing the midway air,
Show scarce as gross as beetlen."

"The dishermen, that walk upon the beach,
Appear like mice; and you tall anchoring back
Diminished to her beat; her beat, a busy
Almost too small for sight. The marmaring surge,
That at the marmaring surge,

As a dark cloud swept over the scene, it gave it that impress of awe and grandeur that created in the Hawaiian mind the idea of its being the place of descent to the regions of the dead. One of the native legends bears a striking similitude to the his lost nymph Eurydice. An enamored youth in most delicious mutton from the fragrant grasses the pure air from the mountains. to her body, and they lived a life of bliss in the Eden of the Islands. The Hawaiian idea of the Hized nations of antiquity before the Christian and of the procession of the dead, and other illustrations of their doctrine of a future state, which

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tivating the corn and beans. They derive suffi-

HONOLULU, HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, JANUARY 18, 1868.

expense so as to admit the largest vessels. When that is only produced by breathing a pure atmosphere, and I involuntarily exclaimed with the terraces or platforms that rise in several places

"Aye, this is freedom: —these pure skies Were never stained by village smoke: The fragrant wind that through them flies, Is breathed from wastes by plow unbroke.

Thousands of acres of the best cotton lands extended on either hand, and a few wandering cattle seemed all that enjoyed any profit from it. We crossed several deep ravines in the ascending On over the table land we galloped, descended plain and came to the green rounded foot hills, into another valley where a bright stream was where the wiliwili and kukui trees first made their winding its way, and some neat cottages and hale appearance in the ravines. We ascended the grassy pilis appeared to the right and left of the road, foot hills by winding cattle paths, and when we with some evidences of cultivation around. The arrived in the region of the koa, we discovered a sugar plantation of Mr. McColgan was passed to flock of about sixty torkeys in a glade, heading in the left of the road. It is immediately on the a fast run towards the timber. It is the peculimargin of the bay, where several large springs arity of the turkey to alight only on tall trees. rush out of the bluff near the sugar mill. We The koa forest was young and low, consequently sused not, but continued on to where two cyclo- they kept to the bush and we did not tree them. ean rocks formed a gate-way leading to the left of We got but one shot and brought down a fine the road, where a few rods ride brought us to the young one. Higher up the mountain we discovpospitable residence of Victor, near the murmur- ered signs of wild hogs, and on a lofty ridge in ing shores of the bay. We were cordially received, the midst of a koa forest we came upon a "bee enjoyed his hospitality in the form of most excel- tree," in the form of a hollow koa that had been and cool spring water. We admired his watch yet green and flourishing. We had an axe, and dogs, tailless cats and the beautiful situation of sounding the tree to ascertain the lay of the honey. his residence, where in the down-hill of life he we were soon applying the force of an Aroostook lumberman to arrive at the concealed sweets. While the axe was vigorously at work our septuagenarian friend Clarke was busy with matches The neighborhood appeared populous, several and a rag to raise a bee-quelling smoke, in which respectable cottages and farm-houses were around, he succeeded so well that he set the dry wood of and it had the appearance of a village. There the tree on fire, which he had some difficulty in was much evidence of cultivation. We saw corn extinguishing. The boney at last came forth to and beans flourishing as finely as in any of the view, and we proved that it tasted as deliciously States of the West, and we do not know why cot- as the sweets of Hymettus or the far-famed ton would not do as well as in Louisiana and honey of Yucatan. H. proved to be an active

A Wild Boar Chase. where these products grow, cotton will generally in the halls of Wahalla! how ye would have desucceed. We passed the cattle ranch of Messrs. lighted at the mighty boar and the scenes of wild Bernard & Raymon, and by the local District grandeur around-how ye would have wielded Judge's, over fine lands, and forded the bright your gory spears and thirsty lances! But as it sea dashing waters of the Waiawa, a perennial moun- was, we had an adventure and excitement in the tivated valley. We rode slowly on out of the val- tains, and felt as exhilarated as the mead-drinkley over the plain for the purpose of admiring the ing worshipers of the god of the Norsemen, or excellent corn and cotton lands which lie between Meleager after he had conquered the boar sent by this stream and the Waikele. There are several Diana to ravage Calydon. The dogs-we had thousand acres lying waste and idle, that could be four-Pincher, Tray, Blanche and Sweetheartmade to produce an annual income of thousands all classically named except the first-zoon started of dollars? Why is this? and why such a want a large and furious wild boar, black as Erebus, of enterprise and knowledge of the agricultural the giant if not the patriarch of the mountains, interests of the Islands? We passed by the old He was tearing away at a ti root with his sharp residence of the late Wm. Hunt on a conspicuous and formidable tusks, when startled, but soon elevation, saw two beautiful springs that gushed tore through the forest with the dogs in chase out of the cliff in waterfalls, crossed the Waikele and we after them pell-mell. Pincher pitched in bridge and the narrow valley of the stream, where and fearlessly charged upon and clenched the many deserted taro patches appeared, and the boar, but the other dogs with classical names eccount palms seemed to droop over the desola- stood on their dignity, and like demagogues only tion around. We ascended the bluff beyond by a created a terrible noise. Pincher was a large hedge of Mexican-like cactus, and were attracted mastiff, belonging to II., of great strength and by a mound on the left that appeared like a min-genuine doggish plack. He would have gladinture Cholula. We rode upon its summit and dened the heart of Davy Crocket as a model enjoyed the view. It is one of the most beautiful "bar dorg." Single handed he encountered the and rural in the Islands. Although thirteen miles boar, who fought hoggishly and whirled upon stant, Honolulu appeared almost at our feet; him, gashing him with his bayonet-like tusks. every outline of coast, plain and mountain was Then followed an indescribable scene of ground distinct and clear; the rolling, green plain of and lofty tumbling, but the tumbling was princi-Ewa between the grand ridges of mountains, the pally on the part of Pincher, for the huge boar windings of the bright bay and the great blue sea, maintained his ground and plied his formidable with several sails in the distance, completed a weapons so well that, had it not been for two scene of beauty. But a short ride by a long and shots from H.'s double-barreled gun, he would new stone wall brought us to Hoacae, the rauch have made an end of Pincher. The last shot was or cattle station of James Robinson, Esq., where in the head and so close that the smoke poured we were kindly welcomed by his mayordomo, or from the boar's nostrils " like the smoke from a head man, Mr. Patrick Curran, the "right man tar kiln." The monster weighed over three hunin the right place," with Milesian hospitality, dred pounds, and would have been worthy game wit and exuberance of fancy. He kindly welcomed for Francis I., or any of the hear-hunting kings us, gave us the best of cheer, and ascertaining of the past. After "bagging" the boar's ear as that we wished for a ride to the mountains, pre- a trophy, we proceeded in quest of the turkeys pared to furnish us fresh horses. The prospect and smaller game, but we did not care to lag

the plain, and affording excellent inland naviga- his companionship. Wandering over the light The largest orange tree in the Islands grows in tion for miles. What a magnificent site for a soil of the upland, which is full of sanken pits, a glen in the Kaala mountains, in solitude, but city-a commercial emporium of the Pacific-on we found among the ruins of the old native houses green and productive. We had the pleasure of its shores! The narrow entrance that leads into a kukui candle-stick, or lamp-stand, well made of tasting some of the delicious fruit. There are also lime trees, vigorous and productive, and coffee wild and uncultivated, yet notwithstanding Exercise is the best opiate, and we just had productive. And we inquired why is it that Oahu does not produce oranges, limes and coffee for exportation as well as Kona, or any other part of Hawaii nei? The soil and climate of the whole plain of Ewa and the Kaala mountains are as well adapted to their cultivation as Eona or Ha- Office and Residence, Ablrich House, Fort street. makua. We fear there is a want of industry and enterprise among our people.

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nce inside, the harbor is land-locked, secure and enough in our ride from Honolulu to make us apacious enough to furnish anchorage for all the sleep well and refreshingly. We arose early, with ships engaged in the commerce of the Pacific. bright anticipations of a splendid day among the There is not only one, but many harbors and anmountains. Our steed was as sure-footed as a cat chorages. The purest spring water gushes in or a wild goat, warranted not to stumble over abundance from the bold shores, and two limpid, rocks or slide in mud. The morn was cool, a hazy never-failing streams from the mountains pour dampness in the atmosphere, and a dark cloud their bright waters into the bay. Then there are overhung the mountains toward Waianae. Yet the Waiawa and Waikele, furnishing water enough the sun shone out brightly for a half hour as we to supply the largest metropolis. Fancy pictured galloped over the rich plain. The gentle breeze forest of masts in the lovely bay where the flags wafted a delicious fragrance from the sweet grasses of every nation waved, vast ware-houses, busy or flowers, and we felt an exhibaration of spirits wharves, the spires of churches, and a political

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Greek story of Orpheus descending into Hades for | was good; fresh eggs, butter and milk, with the | them, and were bent on enjoying the scenery and ages long past, lost the lady of his love, and he of the Ewa plain, chased away every idea of fa- The scenery as we ascended the mountain determined to seek her among the shadows of the tigue from the ride. A hearty pull at our meer- benches opened out grandly. From the summit dend. He made the descent, found the shade of schaum, a rest, the luxury of an old book-we of the loftiest ridge of the Kaala mountain more his beloved, and was more successful than Or- like rare old books, by-the-bye-and we sallied than half of Oahu can be taken in at a glance; pheus, for by a trick he outwitted Milu, the prince out for a walk. We were highly gratified at eastward, beyond Diamond Head; northward, to of the realm of durkness, and returned to the Patrick's infernal machines for breaking horses, the summit of the eastern mountains; the wide upper world with her spirit, which was restored but had not the pleasure of seeing his modus ope- plain of Ewa, from wave to wave and mountain to mountain, the serrated and romantic group of We had a few glorious showers in the evening. Kaala, and beyond the bold coast of Waianae the immortality of the soul, before the intercourse but when these passed away, the setting sun peered view extends over the waves to the lofty emerald with the Europeans, was more brilliant and spir- gloomily through the hazy clouds, and we walked Island of Kauai. It must be seen to be appreitual than that of the Jews, and most of the civ- down to the shores of the bay. On either hand ciated. We have never witnessed a more levely were evidences of former population, in deserted place than that of Ewa and the peninsular plain era. But we will treat of this subject hereafter and dried up taro patches, the foundations of that extends along the sea from the southeastern rained buildings, piles of shells near them, like terminus of the Kaala mountains to the Salt those of the pre-historic races on the shores of the Works at Ewa bay. It was a vast green meadow, Baltic, and over all, the ancient and decaying of the richest grasses, sparkling with bright lakes. escon palms appeared like melancholly monuments. From the mountain heights we counted twentydrooping over this scene of desolation. We were seven bright mirrors in the frame of glossy green. informed that before the era of the small-pox in The forest trees attracted our attention for their 1853, there were twenty-five native houses in the beauty. They are far preferable to any of the little valley between Patrick's residence and the foreign importations. What trees are more beautinean sceanic connection. The view above these bay. Now there are none-a sad evidence of the ful than the kukui, with luxuriant light green foliwithering away of the native population. We age, and the dark leaved koa, which stands at the mountain, vale and ocean. Away to the west and stood before the bermitage of a septuagenarian by head of the acacia family. Then the delicate north-west extended the green undulating and the name of Clarke, who like Tom Tough, has in in, the useful and durable mamani, the symwide plain of Ewa, bounded by the Kaala or Wai- seen a little "sarvis" in the Polar Sens, the consts metrical obia, and the umbrageous wiliwili. We anae range of mountains, over which was spread of California, and various portions of the world, saw several forest trees that recembled the saa gossamer veil of clouds, which gave a softened but is now enjoying the decline of life a few feet mang, or monkey-pod, in foliage, but it was more beauty to the scene, and contrasted the brighter from the waters of the beautiful bay, on a high symmetrical in form and altogether a more beauBusiness Cards.

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